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An ACT to Enable *Patrick Blake*, Esquire,
a Minor, to make a Settlement on *Anna-
bella Bunbury*, Spinster, and the Issue of
their intended Marriage; and for other
Purposes therein mentioned.

 *Whereas Patrick Blake*, late of the Island of *Saint Christo-
pher's* in *America*, Grandfather of the said *Patrick Blake*,
Party hereto, being seised in his Demesne as of Fee of and
in divers Estates and Plantations in the said Island of *Saint
Christopher*, and in the Island of *Montserrat*, and also pos-
sessed of or interested in a large Stock of Negroes, Mules, and divers
Utenfils for working the said Plantations, and also of and in a very con-
siderable personal Estate, duly made and published his Will, dated the
Fifth of *March* One thousand Seven hundred and Forty-three, and there-
by, after giving several pecuniary Legacies, gave and bequeathed unto
his Son *Andrew Blake* (since deceased) the Rents of his Estate in *Mont-
serrat* aforesaid, during the Term of his Life, and afterwards to the
Heirs Male of his Body lawfully begotten; and, in Default of such Issue,
the Reversion of such Estate to go to the Heirs Male of his Nephew
Edmund Blake, Esquire; and as to all the Rest and Residue of his Estate,
both real and personal, he gave and devised the same unto his Grandson
Patrick, eldest Son of his Son the said *Andrew Blake*, and to the Heirs
Male of his Body lawfully begotten; and, for want of such Issue, then
to the next Heir Male of his said Son *Andrew*, and to the Survivor or
Survivors of the said Issue Male of his said Son *Andrew*; and appointed
Dominick Traut, *John Willet*, *George Leigh*, and *Peter Lynch*, Executors,
in Trust, to his said Will, and also Guardians of the Body of the same
Patrick Blake and his Heirs Male; and the said Testator, by a Codicil to
his Will, dated the said Fifth *March* One thousand Seven hundred and

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Forty-three, further limited his said Estates, in case of Failure of Heirs Male of his said Son *Andrew* and their Heirs Male, to the Heirs Male of his Brothers *Martin* and *Nicholas Blake*, of the Kingdom of *Ireland*; which said Will and Codicil were proved in common Form by the said *George Leigh*, and one other of the Executors in the said Will named, who being since dead, the said *George Leigh* became the only surviving acting Executor of the said Will :

And whereas, in or about the Year One thousand Seven hundred and Forty-five, a Cause was instituted in the High Court of Chancery, wherein the said *Patrick Blake* the Grandson, by his next Friend, was Plaintiff, and the said *George Leigh*, *Thomas Truman*, and *James George Douglass*, Esquires, were Defendants; which said Suit was so instituted for the Care of the same *Patrick Blake* the Minor, his Person and Estate; and the said Cause, being at Issue on the Thirteenth of *June* One thousand Seven hundred and Fifty-five, came on to be heard before the then Lord Chancellor, when it was, amongst other Things, ordered and decreed, " That Mr. *Bennett*, one of the Masters of the said Court, should take an Account of the Rents and Profits of the said Testator's Plantations and other real Estates devised by his Will to the Plaintiff, the Infant, which had accrued since his Decease, and been received by the Defendants *Leigh*, *Truman*, and *Douglass*, or any of them; and that what should be coming for the clear Surplus of the said Rents and Profits, as the same should amount to, a competent Sum should be placed out on Government or real Securities, in the Name of the same Trustees, for the Benefit of the Plaintiff; and they were to declare the Trust thereof accordingly subject to the further Order of the same Court, and any of the Parties were to be at Liberty to apply to the Court as Occasion should require." And by further Order of the same Court, made in the same Cause the Third of *December* One thousand Seven hundred and Fifty-seven, the said Defendant *Leigh*, having divers Sums of Money in his Hands, partly belonging to the said Testator's real Estate and partly belonging to the said Testator's personal Estate, the Accomptant General, by the said Order, was directed to place the said several Sums therein mentioned to the respective several Accounts of the said Testator's real and personal Estates, and the same were so placed accordingly, and ever since that time separate Accounts have been kept by the said Accomptant General of the Produce of the said real and personal Estates; and since such separate Accounts have been kept, the said *George Leigh* has paid into the Bank, from time to time, several large Sums of Money in regard to the said real Estate, with which Sums and the Produce thereof, from time to time, have been purchased Nineteen thousand Seven hundred and Ninety-eight Pounds Four Shillings and Four Pence reduced Bank Annuities, in the Name and with the Privy of the Accomptant General of the Court; so that there now remains, including One thousand and Thirty-three Pounds Twelve Shillings and Eight Pence, Cash in the Bank, in Annuities and Cash, Twenty thousand Eight hundred and Thirty-one Pounds Seventeen Shillings, on the separate Account of the said real Estate :

And whereas the said *Patrick Blake* the Grandson, under the said Will of his Grandfather, and otherwise, is intitled in Tail or in Fee to a real Estate

Estate in the said Islands of *Saint Christopher's* and *Montserrat*, which produces net Money, one Year with another, about Six thousand Pounds, and to an Estate at *Langham*, in the County of *Suffolk*, of about Four hundred Pounds *per Annum*; and a Treaty of Marriage being on Foot between the same *Patrick Blake* and *Annabella Bunbury*, Spinster, Daughter of *Sir William Bunbury*, of *Barton*, in the County of *Suffolk*, Baronet, with the Consent and Approbation as well of *Sir Robert Ladbroke*, Knight, one of the Aldermen of the City of *London*, Guardian of the same *Patrick Blake*, appointed by the said Court of Chancery, as of the said *Sir William Bunbury*, and Proposals having been made for a Fortune to be given and a Settlement to be made on such Marriage; on the Petition of the said *Patrick Blake* the Grandson (he being a Minor, and a Ward of the Court of Chancery) and of his said Guardian, to the Right Honourable the Lord Chancellor, his Lordship, on the Twenty-third Day of *November* One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty-one, was pleased to order, that it should be referred to the said Master to see whether the Proposals made on the said intended Marriage of the said *Patrick Blake* the Grandson, and the said Daughter of the said *Sir William Bunbury*, were fair and reasonable, and directed the Master to state the same, with his Opinion thereon, to the Court, together with the Means which would be necessary to carry the said Proposals into Execution, and thereupon such further Order should be made as should be just; in pursuance of which last Order the same *Patrick Blake* and his said Guardian, and the said *Sir William Bunbury*, laid before the said Master Proposals for a Settlement to be made of the Sum of Twenty thousand Pounds reduced Bank Annuities, upon such Trusts, and to and for such Intents and Purposes, and by, with, and under such Powers, Proviso's, Limitations, and Agreements, as in and by the Articles herein-after recited are agreed and directed to be limited concerning the same; and the said *Patrick Blake* and his Guardian, and the said *Sir William Bunbury*, the better to carry the intended Settlement or Articles into Execution, proposed to apply to Parliament for the Purpose of obtaining an Act of Parliament for the better effectuating thereof; and the said Master by his Report, bearing Date the Twenty-seventh Day of *November* One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty-one, certified that he had considered of the said several Proposals, and did conceive that the same were fair and reasonable, and that the intended Application to Parliament would be the proper and necessary Means for carrying the same into Execution:

And whereas on the Petition of the said *Patrick Blake* and his said Guardian, to the Right Honourable the Lord Chancellor, for the Purpose of confirming the said Report, and for his approving of the said Proposals, and for proper Directions thereupon, his Lordship observing that there was no Provision made for an eldest Son of the said intended Marriage, by Order, dated the Eighteenth Day of *December* One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty-one, did refer it back to the said Master, to reconsider whether it was not fit and proper, in case of the said *Patrick Blake's* Marriage, to have an Application made to Parliament for a Settlement of Part of the said *Patrick Blake's* Estate on an eldest Son, in the usual Course of Marriage Settlements, for the Preservation of the said *Patrick Blake's* Family: And it was further ordered, that the Consideration of the said last-mentioned Petition should stand over in the mean

mean time; in pursuance of which last-mentioned Order, the said *Patrick Blake* and his said Guardian, and the said *Sir William Bunbury* on behalf of his said Daughter, laid further Proposals before the said Master, for making a Settlement or Provision for the eldest or only Son of the said intended Marriage, and the Heirs Male of his Body, by way of Rent-charge, in such Manner, and by, with, and under such Powers, Proviso's, Limitations, and Agreements, as by the said Articles herein after recited are agreed or directed to be limited concerning the same: And the said *Patrick Blake* and his Guardian, and the said *Sir William Bunbury*, the better to carry the said intended Settlement or Articles into Execution, proposed to apply to Parliament for an Act of Parliament for the better effectuating the same:

And whereas the said Master, by his Report, dated the Fifteenth Day of *January* One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty-two, certified, that he had considered of the said several Proposals last-mentioned, and did conceive that the same were fair and reasonable, and that the intended Application to Parliament would be the proper and necessary Means for effectuating the same; and on the Petition of the same *Patrick Blake* and his Guardian, preferred unto the said Lord Chancellor, for the Purpose of confirming the said last-mentioned Report, and that the Proposals therein stated might be approved and carried into Execution; and, for that Purpose, a proper Settlement, or Articles for a Settlement, might be made with the Approbation of the said Master, and carried into Execution by an Act of Parliament; and the Matter of the said last-mentioned Petition, and also of the said other Petition herein before-mentioned, coming on to be heard before his Lordship on the Twenty-first Day of the same *January*, his Lordship was pleased to order, that the Master's several Reports herein before mentioned should be confirmed, and the several Proposals herein before stated should be carried into Execution in the best manner the present Situation of Circumstances would admit of:

And whereas by certain Articles of Agreement bearing Date the First Day of *February* One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty-two, and made or mentioned to be made between the said *Patrick Blake* the Grandson, by the Description of *Patrick Blake*, Esquire, an Infant under the Age of Twenty-one Years, *videlicet*, of the Age of Twenty Years, and upwards, eldest Son of *Andrew Blake*, Esquire, deceased, and the said *Sir Robert Ladbroke*, of the one Part; and the said *Sir William Bunbury* and *Annabella Bunbury*, Spinster, an Infant under the Age of Eighteen Years, of the other Part, after reciting therein to the same Effect as is herein before recited, it was and is witnessed, That in pursuance of the said Proposals first mentioned, and Orders relating thereto, and in Consideration of the said intended Marriage, and of the Marriage Portion the said *Patrick Blake*, Party thereto, was to receive with the said *Annabella Bunbury*, the said *Patrick Blake*, by and with the Consent of the said *Sir Robert Ladbroke*, did (as far as in him lay) consent and agree that the separate Fund of Nineteen thousand Seven hundred and Ninety-eight Pounds Four Shillings and Four Pence, reduced Bank Annuities, mentioned in the said Proposals, arising out of the said *Patrick Blake*'s real Estate as aforesaid, should be made up out of the said Sum of One thousand and Thirty-three Pounds Twelve Shillings and Eight Pence
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Cash in the Bank (the Produce of the said Annuities), Twenty thousand Pounds reduced Bank Annuities, and, when so made up, that the same should be transferred by the said Accomptant General to proper Trustees, to be approved of by the said Parties to be for that Purpose named, their Executors or Administrators, upon the Trusts, and to and for the Intents and Purposes, and under and subject to the Provisoes and Agreements therein after declared or expressed concerning the same; that is to say, In Trust, that they the said Trustees, their Executors or Administrators, should, as soon as conveniently might be, with the Consent of the said *Patrick Blake*, Party thereto, and *Annabella Bunbury*, or of the Survivor of them, to be testified in Writing under their Hands, or the Hand of such Survivor, and not otherwise, to make Sale of the said Twenty thousand Pounds Bank Annuities, either together or in Parcels, or of any Part or Parts thereof, at the then current Price; and, with such Consent and Approbation as aforesaid, lay out and invest the Money arising by such Sale or Sales in the Purchase or Purchases of Freehold Manors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, in the Counties of *Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, Cambridge*, or some other adjacent County, and of any Copyhold Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, that should happen to lie intermixed therewith or contiguous thereto; and if the same cannot be conveniently had in one of the said Counties, elsewhere in the Kingdom of *Great Britain*, of a clear and indefeazable Estate of Inheritance in Fee-simple; and shall convey, and settle and assure, the Manors, Lands, Messuages, and Tenements, so to be purchased, to the several Uses, upon the Trusts, and under and subject to the Provisoes and Agreements herein after declared or expressed; that is to say, To the Use of the said *Patrick Blake*, Party thereto, without Impeachment of Waste, for Life; and, from and immediately after the Determination of that Estate, by Forfeiture or otherwise, to the Use of Trustees in such Settlement to be named, and their Heirs, during the Life of the said *Patrick Blake*, in Trust, by the usual Ways and Means, to preserve contingent Remainders to be thereby after limited from being destroyed; and, from and immediately after the Decease of the same *Patrick Blake*, to the Use of the said *Annabella Bunbury*, for her Life, for her Jointure, and in full Satisfaction and Bar of all Dower and Thirds which she the said *Annabella Bunbury* can or may at any time hereafter have or claim out of the real or personal Estates of the said *Patrick Blake* in *Great Britain* or in the *West Indies*, or elsewhere; and, from and after the several Deceases of the said *Patrick Blake* and the said *Annabella Bunbury*, and of the Survivor of them, then to the Use of all and every the Child and Children of the Body of the said *Patrick Blake*, Party hereto, on the Body of the said *Annabella Bunbury* to be begotten (other than and except an eldest or only Son) equally to be divided between or amongst them, if more than One, Share and Share alike, and they to take as Tenants in common, and not as joint Tenants, and of the Heirs of the Body and Bodies of all and every such Child and Children respectively issuing; and failing Issue of any of the same Children, then as to all and every the Share and Shares of such Child and Children whose Issue shall fail, to the Use of the Survivors and Survivor of the said Children (other than and except an eldest or only Son), equally to be divided between or amongst them, Share and Share alike, and they to take in like manner as Tenants in common, and the Heirs of the respec-

tive Bodies of such surviving Child or Children lawfully issuing; and if all such Child or Children, save One (not being an eldest or only Son), shall happen to die without Issue, or there shall happen to be only One such Child (not being an eldest or only Son), then to the Use of such One surviving or only Child, and the Heirs of his or her Body issuing; and in Default of such Issue, then to the Use of the eldest or only Son of the said *Patrick Blake*, Party thereto, on the Body of the said *Annabella Bunbury* to be begotten, and the Heirs of his Body lawfully issuing; and in Default of such Issue, then to the Use of the same *Patrick Blake*, his Heirs and Assigns for ever: In which said Settlement should be inserted and contained a Proviso or Power to enable the said *Patrick Blake*, Party thereto, and *Annabella Bunbury*, his intended Wife, respectively, during their respective Lives, when in Possession of the Premises, or any Part thereof, to lease the same, or any Part thereof, to any Person or Persons, for any Term or Number of Years not exceeding Twenty-one Years, in Possession, but not in Reversion, at the most improved Rent: And the said *Patrick Blake*, with the Consent of his said Guardian, doth further consent and agree, that until the said Twenty thousand Pounds reduced Bank Annuities should be sold, and the Money arising by Sale thereof be invested in Purchases in the Manner herein before directed, it should and might be lawful to and for the said Trustees, so to be appointed as last-mentioned, their Executors and Administrators, with the Consent and Approbation of the said *Patrick Blake*, Party thereto, and *Annabella Bunbury*, or of the Survivor of them, testified as aforesaid, in case they, or either of them, should be then living; and if they should be dead, then, with the proper Authority of the said Trustees, to make Sale of the said Twenty thousand Pounds Bank Annuities, either together or in Parcels, or of any Part or Parts thereof, at the then current Price, and to place out the Money arising from such Sale or Sales on real or Government Securities, or Parliamentary Funds; and also from time to time, with such Consent or Approbation as aforesaid, or of their own proper Authority (as the Case shall happen), to alter and transpose the same Securities or Funds, when and so often as to the said Trustees for the Time being shall seem meet; and that the Interest, annual Profits, and Proceed, which shall from time to time arise, by or in respect of the said Twenty thousand Pounds Bank Annuities, or of any other Sum or Sums of Money, which should come to the Hands of the said Trustees, or any of them, by any Alteration or Transposition of the said Fund, should go, and be paid and payable, to such Person and Persons, and in such Manner, as the Rents and Profits of the Manors, Lands, and Hereditaments to be purchased therewith, would go and be payable unto, in case such Purchase or Settlement were then actually made; and also that a Proviso should be inserted and contained in the said intended Settlement, that in case the said Twenty thousand Pounds Bank Annuities, or the Monies arising by Sale thereof, or of any Part thereof, should not, at the Time of the Decease of the Survivor of them the said *Patrick Blake*, Party hereto, and *Annabella Bunbury*, be laid out and invested in such Purchase or Purchases as aforesaid, that then, and in such Case, it should and might be lawful to and for the said Trustees, their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, to make Sale of the same Bank Annuities, or of any other Funds wherein the same should be invested, or to call in all and every the Sum and Sums

Sums of Money which should have been raised by Sale thereof, and have been invested on any other real or Government Securities (as the Case shall happen), and to pay and apply the Monies arising by such Sale and Sales, and which should be so called in, to and amongst all and every the Child and Children of the said *Patrick Blake*, Party hereto, on the Body of the said *Annabella Bunbury* to be begotten (other than and except an eldest or only Son), to be equally divided between or amongst them, if more than One, Share and Share alike; and if there should be only One Child, then to such One Child; and that the Money, and the Parts or Shares thereof, should be paid in the Manner following (that is to say), To such of them as should be a Daughter or Daughters, at her or their Age or Ages of Twenty-one Years, or Day or Days of Marriage, which should first happen, and to such of them as should be a younger Son or Sons, at his or their Ages of Twenty-one Years, unless such respective Times of Payment should happen in the Life-time of the same *Patrick Blake* and *Annabella Bunbury*, and in such Case, immediately after the Decease of the Survivor of them; and in case any of such Child or Children should depart this Life, being a Daughter or Daughters, under the Age of Twenty-one Years and unmarried, or being a Son or Sons, under that Age and unmarried, then the Share and Shares of him, her, or them so dying, should go and accrue to the Survivors and Survivor of such Children, to be equally divided between or amongst them all, if more than One, Share and Share alike; and the same should be paid and payable, at such Days and Times, and should go in the same Manner, to such surviving Child and Children, as his or their original Share and Shares; and in case of the Death of any other of the same Children, before such accruing or surviving Share or Shares should become due as aforesaid, then such accruing Share shall again be subject and liable to such new Chance, Contingency, or Condition of Accruer, to the Survivors or Survivor of the same Children, as before is declared, touching his, her, and their original Part or Share; and upon the further Trust, that they the said Trustees for the Time being should and do, after the several Deceases of the said *Patrick Blake*, Party thereto, and *Annabella Bunbury*, and of the Survivor of them, pay and apply all the Dividends, Interest, and Proceed of the said Sum of Twenty thousand Pounds Bank Annuities, or the Monies arising therefrom, as they should think necessary, for the Maintenance and Education of such Child or Children; and until their respective Shares of the Capital should become payable to them, and in proportion to their respective Shares and Interest therein: And in case there shall be no such Child or Children of the Body of the same *Patrick Blake*, on the Body of the said *Annabella Bunbury* begotten (other than and except an eldest or only Son), or there being such, all of them should die before any such Daughter should attain her Age of Twenty-one Years, or be married, or any such younger Son should attain that Age, then the said Trustees for the Time being should stand and be possessed of, and interested in, the said Twenty thousand Pounds Bank Annuities, in Trust for such eldest or only Son, till he should attain his Age of Twenty-one Years, or die, which should first happen, and to transfer the same to such Son at his Age of Twenty-one Years, the said *Patrick Blake* and *Annabella Bunbury* being both then dead, or immediately after the Decease of the Survivor of them; and in case there should be no such only Son, or being such, he should die under the Age of Twenty-one Years, then in

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Trust for the Executors or Administrators of the said *Patrick Blake*, Party hereto; and to transfer the same accordingly, and to or for no other Use, Intent, or Purpose whatsoever; and that in such intended Settlement should also be contained a proper Clause, for the Indemnity of the Trustees: And the said Sir *William Bunbury*, for himself, his Executors and Administrators, did thereby covenant and agree to and with the said *Patrick Blake*, Party thereto, that in case the said intended Marriage should take Effect, he the said Sir *William Bunbury*, his Heirs, Executors, or Administrators, would well and truly pay, or cause to be paid, into the Hands of the said *Patrick Blake*, as the Marriage Portion of the said *Annabella Bunbury* his Daughter, the Sum of Five Thousand Pounds, in Manner following (that is to say), Three thousand Pounds, Part thereof, on the Solemnization of the said intended Marriage, and Two thousand Pounds, Residue thereof, on the said Sir *William Bunbury's* Death; and in the mean time the said Sir *William Bunbury* did agree to give his Bond for the Payment of the said Two thousand Pounds at his Death: And it was and is, by the said recited Articles, further witnessed, that, in pursuance of the said Order of the Eighteenth Day of *December* last, the said last-mentioned Proposals, and Report thereupon, and the said Order of the said Twenty-first of *January* One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty-two, and in Consideration of the said intended Marriage, and the said *Patrick Blake*, Party hereto, being desirous to make a Settlement on an eldest Son, in the usual Course of Marriage Settlements, he the same *Patrick Blake*, by and with the Consent of the said Sir *Robert Ladbroke* his Guardian, did (as far as in him lay) consent and agree that he would, as soon as conveniently might be, settle on and grant to certain Trustees, to be approved of by the Parties, One yearly Rent-charge of Two thousand Pounds Sterling, clear of all Taxes and other Outgoings, to be yearly issuing out of all and singular his Plantations, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, Negroes, Mules, Coppers, Mills, and other Utensils, in the Island of *Saint Christopher* in the *West Indies*, with their and every of their Appurtenances, to hold the same Rent-charge to the said Trustees, and the Survivor of them, and the Heirs and Assigns of such Survivor, to commence from and immediately after the Death of the said *Patrick Blake*, Party thereto, and to be paid at the Two of the most usual Feasts or Days of Payment in the Year; *videlicet*, The Feast of *Saint Michael* the Archangel, and the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin *Mary*; the First Payment to begin and be made on such of the said Feast Days which should happen next after the Death of the said *Patrick Blake*, Party thereto; all which Payments to be made in the common Dining Hall of the *Inner Temple, London*; which said Rent-charge, so agreed to be settled on the said Trustees, is thereby declared to be upon the Trusts, and for the Intents and Purposes, and subject to the Provisoes and Agreements herein after expressed concerning the same (that is to say), In Trust for the First Son of the said *Patrick Blake* on the Body of the said *Annabella Bunbury* to be begotten, and the Heirs Male of such First Son lawfully issuing; and for Default of such Issue, in Trust for the Second Son of the said *Patrick Blake* on the Body of the said *Annabella Bunbury* to be begotten, and the Heirs Male of such Second Son lawfully issuing; and in Default of such Issue, in Trust for the Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh,

Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, and Tenth, and all and every other the Son and Sons of the Body of the said *Patrick Blake*, Party thereto, on the Body of the said *Annabella Bunbury* to be begotten, whether born in his Life-time or after his Decease, severally and successively and in Remainder one after another, in Order and Course as they respectively should be, in Priority of Birth, and Seniority of Age, and the several and respective Heirs Male of the respective Body and Bodies of such Son and Sons lawfully issuing, so that every elder of such Sons, and the Heirs Male of his Body, shall be always preferred and take before the younger of the said Sons, and the Heirs Male of his and their Body and Bodies; and in Default of such Issue, Remainder to the Use of the said *Patrick Blake*, Party thereto, his Heirs and Assigns for ever; and that the usual Clause of Distress should be inserted in such Settlement or Grant of the said Rent-charge, in case the same should be Six Months behind or unpaid after the Times on which the same were appointed to be paid; and also that a Covenant or Covenants should likewise be inserted in such Settlement or Grant, that he the said *Patrick Blake*, his Heirs and Assigns, should and would well and truly pay, or cause to be paid, the said Annuity from time to time, as the same should become due; and at all times should and would support, maintain, and keep, in good and sufficient Repair, the said Messuage, Lands, and Premises; and also that he and they should and would at all times keep up, preserve, renew, and replace, as often as need should require, the Stock of Negroes, Mules, Coppers, Mills, and other Utensils, of and belonging to, and proper for, the said Plantations, and every Part thereof, out of which the said Annuity or Rent-charge is to issue; and also that the said *Patrick Blake*, Party thereto, hath good Right to settle the said Annuity or Rent-charge properly, together with such other usual Covenants as may be thought proper and advisable; and it was thereby agreed by and between all the said Parties thereto, that in the said Settlement or Grant should be contained a Proviso for making void the said Rent-charge upon the said *Patrick Blake*, Party thereto, his settling, within Six Years after he should attain the Age of Twenty-one Years, to the Satisfaction of Trustees to be named for the said Rent-charge, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, Freehold or Copyhold, in *England*, of Two thousand Pounds *per Annum* beyond Reprizes, upon the like Limitations, and to the Use of such Person and Persons, for such Estate and Estates as the said Rent-charge is thereby intended to be settled, in Trust for as aforesaid; in which said Settlement of the said Lands and Tenements in *England*, it was thereby mutually agreed, should be contained all the proper and necessary Provisions, Limitations, Covenants, and Agreements, for the effectually making good and establishing the same: And it was thereby also mutually agreed by and between the said *Patrick Blake*, Party thereto, and his said Guardian, and the said Sir *William Bunbury* and his said Daughter, the better to carry the said Articles into Execution, to apply to Parliament for the Purpose of obtaining an Act of Parliament for confirming the said Articles, Covenants, and Agreements, therein before entered into, and for enabling the said *Patrick Blake* and the said *Annabella Bunbury* to make and accept a Settlement or Settlements as aforesaid on the said intended Marriage, notwithstanding their Minorities, pursuant to and according to the true Intent and Meaning of the said recited Articles, as in and by the said Will, Decree, Proposals, Reports, Orders,

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and Articles, Relation being thereunto respectively had, doth more fully appear :

And whereas the said *Patrick Blake* and the said *Sir Robert Ladbroke* his Guardian, and the said *Sir William Bunbury* and the said *Annabella Bunbury* his Daughter, are satisfied that the carrying the Treaty for the said Marriage, and the Settlement or Settlements pursuant to the said recited Articles, into Execution, would be for the Benefit as well of the Family of the said *Patrick Blake* as also of the said *Annabella Bunbury* ; But as the same cannot be effected, by reason of the several Minorities of the said *Patrick Blake* and *Annabella Bunbury*, without the Aid and Authority of Parliament ;

Therefore the said *Patrick Blake* and the said *Sir Robert Ladbroke* his said Guardian, and the said *Sir William Bunbury* and the said *Annabella Bunbury* his said Daughter,

Do most humbly beseech Your most Excellent MAJESTY,

That it may be Enacted ; And be it Enacted, by the KING's most Excellent MAJESTY, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said *Patrick Blake* the Grandson, and he is hereby enabled, at any time or times during his Minority, and before he shall attain the Age of Twenty-one Years, by and with the Consent and Approbation of the said *Sir Robert Ladbroke* his Guardian, if living, and, if he shall be dead, then, of his own free Will and Authority, by any Deed or Deeds, Writing or Writings, to be by him sealed and delivered in the Presence of Two or more Witnesses, and also by the said *Sir Robert Ladbroke* (if living) signifying his Consent and Approbation thereof, to direct and appoint the said Accomptant General of the said Court of Chancery, and the said Accomptant General is hereby authorized and impowered, in pursuance of such Direction and Appointment, and under the Direction of the said Court of Chancery, to make up the said Sum of Nineteen thousand Seven hundred and Ninety-eight Pounds Four Shillings and Four Pence, reduced Bank Annuities, out of the said Sum of ~~One~~ thousand and Thirty-three Pounds Twelve Shillings and Eight Pence Cash in the Bank (the Produce of the same Annuity), Twenty thousand Pounds reduced Bank Annuities, and the same Twenty thousand Pounds reduced Bank Annuities, when so made up, to transfer to proper Persons to be named as Trustees, with such Approbation as by the said recited Articles is made requisite, upon such Trusts, and to and for such Intents and Purposes, and subject to such Powers, Provisoos, Limitations, and Appointments, as in and by the said recited Articles are mentioned, expressed, and directed to be limited, of and concerning the same.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the said *Patrick Blake*, the Grandson, shall be and is hereby enabled, at any time or times during his Minority, by and with the Consent and Approbation of the said *Sir Robert Ladbroke* (if living), and, if he shall be dead, then of his own free Will and Authority, by any Deed or Deeds,

Deeds, Conveyances or Assurances, in the Law, to be by him sealed and delivered in the Presence of Two or more Witnesses, and also by the said Sir *Robert Ladbroke* (if living) to signify his Consent to and Approbation thereof, to grant, convey, limit, and assure to proper Persons to be named as Trustees, with such Approbation as by the said recited Articles is made requisite, One clear Rent or yearly Sum of Two thousand Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, to be issuing and payable out of all and singular the Plantations, [Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, Negroes, Mules, Coppers, Mills, and other Utensils, of the same *Patrick Blake*, in the Island of *Saint Christopher*, in the *West Indies*, with their Appurtenances, to commence from and immediately after the Death of the same *Patrick Blake*, and to be paid at such Days, and in such Manner, upon such Trusts, and to and for such Intents and Purposes, and subject to such Powers, Provisoos, Limitations, and Appointments, as in and by the said Articles herein before recited are mentioned, expressed, and agreed to be limited of and concerning the same Rent-charge, and also to enter into such Covenants and Agreements, as in pursuance of the same Articles shall be inserted or contained in such Deed or Deeds.

And be it Enacted and Declared, by the Authority aforesaid, That such Deed and Deeds, Writing and Writings, Conveyances, and Assurances, so to be made and executed by the said *Patrick Blake*, the Grandson, shall (notwithstanding his Minority) be as good, valid, and effectual in the Law, as if the same *Patrick Blake* had been at the full Age of Twenty-one Years at the time of the making and executing thereof, and as if the same *Patrick Blake* had attained the full Age of Twenty-one Years, and proper and effectual Fine or Fines, Deeds and Assurances, had been levied and executed by the same *Patrick Blake* of the several Premises, out of which the said Rent-charge is to be issuing, for corroborating, strengthening, and confirming the said intended Grant thereof.

And it is hereby Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That a Declaration by the said *Annabella Bunbury*, by and with the Consent and Approbation of the said Sir *William Bunbury* (if living) or of her own Authority if he should happen to be dead, of her Acceptance of the Provision intended to be made for her for her Life, in case she shall happen to survive the said *Patrick Blake*, her intended Husband, by or out of the said Twenty thousand Pounds reduced Bank Annuities, or the Lands and Hereditaments so be purchased therewith, in lieu of her Jointure, and in bar of her Dower and Thirds, which she the same *Annabella Bunbury* can or may at any time hereafter have or claim out of the real or personal Estates of the same *Patrick Blake* in *Great Britain*, or in the *West Indies* or elsewhere, shall be effectual to bar and extinguish all her Right, Title, and Claim of such Dower and Thirds, in such and the same Manner as if she the said *Annabella Bunbury* had been of the full Age of Twenty-one Years at the time of the making thereof.

Saving always to the KING's most Excellent MAJESTY, his Heirs and Successors, and to all and every other Person and Persons, Bodies Politick and Corporate, his, her, and their Heirs, Successors, Executors,

cutors, and Administrators (Other than the said *Patrick Blake* the Grandson, his Heirs and Assigns, and the said *Annabella Bunbury*); All such Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Claim, and Demand, of, in, to, or out of the Plantations, Messuages, Lands, Negroes, Hereditaments, and Premises, out of which the said Rent-charge of Two thousand Pounds is to be issuing and payable, every or any Part thereof, as they, every or any of them, had before the passing this Act, or could and might have had and enjoyed, in case this Act had not been made.

An ACT to Enable *Patrick Blake*, Esquire, a Minor, to make a Settlement on *Annabella Bunbury*, Spinster, and the Issue of their intended Marriage; and for other Purposes therein mentioned.